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Dear Sir:

This communication is filed in response to an Office Action herein mailed June 17, 2003 setting a time for response to expire on December 17, 2003. These papers are timely submitted as they are filed on December 17, 2003, with a petition for a three-month extension of time and the corresponding fee.

This application will be abandoned in favor of a continuation application concurrently herewith under separate cover during the pendency of the above-identified patent application.